

on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building to hold a hearing on judicial nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 2 p.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building to hold a hearing on judicial nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, BUSINESS RIGHTS, AND COMPETITION

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing in room 226, Senate Dirksen Building, on antitrust implications of the tobacco settlement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 29, for the purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 638, a bill to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of private mineral interests within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument mandated by the 1982 act that established the monument, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS AND FISHERIES

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Oceans and Fisheries Subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. on future of the NOAA Corps.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Securities of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, to conduct an oversight hearing on securities litigation abuses.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING MINNESOTA'S SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to bring to the attention of the Senate the dedication and hard work of many individuals in my home State of Minnesota.

During this past years CRP sign-up, at least 275 employees from Minnesota's 91 Soil and Water Conservation Districts donated over 6,000 hours assisting U.S. Department of Agriculture employees, ensuring the signups success. Without their efforts, there is little doubt the work would not have been done on time and in such an efficient manner. Their work, along with the work of USDA employees, should not go unnoticed.

Mr. President, the Conservation Reserve Program is a vital program for the people of my State. It provides incalculable benefits to farmers, sportsmen, conservationists, the wildlife, and, therefore, all American citizens. I have been, and will continue to be, a vocal supporter of a strong and balanced Conservation Reserve Program. It is simply good for Minnesota and good for our Nation.

In closing, Mr. President, with the combined efforts of Congress, the USDA, farmers and people like those at Minnesota's Soil and Water Conservation Districts, we can ensure the continued success and viability of the Conservation Reserve Program well into the 21st Century. •

#### JAMES A. MICHENER

• Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to take this moment to remember an extraordinary and talented individual. I join the multitude of people who noted the passing of James A. Michener with much sadness. I recall my meetings with Mr. Michener during his brief residency in Hawaii, during which time, he did much of his research on his monumental opus, "Hawaii."

Though some may have criticized his book, it was generally received by the people of Hawaii with great enthusiasm and commendation. He captured the spirit of early Hawaii, and reminded us of the sad plight of the indigenous people of Hawaii—the proud and noble Polynesians. We shall always be indebted to James Michener for introducing to the world the Hawaiian Islands that now constitute the 50th State of our Nation. •

##### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE DOROTHY COMSTOCK RILEY

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to one of Michigan's most outstanding citizens, the Honorable Dorothy Comstock Riley. After a long and highly successful career, in which she reached the highest level in the Michigan judicial system, she has decided to retire.

For Dorothy, success came early. Always a bright and industrious student, while at Wayne State University, she was recognized as the top graduating woman. Following her law degree from Wayne State, she entered private practice. In 1956, Dorothy left her practice to serve the community as an assistant Wayne County Friend of the Court. She excelled in this capacity and helped ensure the needs of families and children were well represented. Although she returned to private practice in 1968, where she helped found the firm of Riley and Roumell, her commitment to public service was only beginning.

A few years later, Dorothy's outstanding abilities and dedication to the legal profession were again recognized. In 1972 she was appointed to the Wayne County Circuit Court. Four years later she received an appointment to the Michigan Court of Appeals, and was re-elected to a 6-year term on the Court. Soon after, the integrity and fairness she had shown throughout her career were recognized once more when she was appointed to the Michigan State Supreme Court. Dorothy's commitment to her profession was rewarded in 1987 when she was elected Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

During her long, distinguished career, Dorothy has belonged to many organizations and received numerous accolades. From honorary doctorates to the presidency of professional associations, each award and membership reflected Dorothy's commitment to integrity, honesty, and leadership. And while Monday evening's event represents one award among many, I am thankful for this opportunity to express how grateful I am for Dorothy's service. Throughout her career, Dorothy personified what is best in our legal system: a fair-minded justice with a passion for truth. Because of her long commitment to the State of Michigan, Dorothy's presence will be greatly missed.

As she enters this new phase in her life, I want to express how great an impact she has had on both her profession and those individuals fortunate enough to know her. I wish her all the best. •

##### FISCAL YEAR 1998 TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT

• Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss my vote on the fiscal year 1998 Treasury, and Postal Service, general government appropriations conference report.

When the Treasury, Postal Service, general government appropriations bill passed the Senate, we included a provision to prohibit a cost-of-living allowance for Members of Congress. I voted for that prohibition because I thought it was the right thing to do.

The U.S. House, meanwhile, passed its own version of this bill—a version